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Summary

Updated clarifying information "NOTE" under WAC 388-406-0065 as California ended their SSI Food Cash-Out program 6/1/19. See below for edited text:

Processing Basic basic Food food Applications for Individuals Ineligible Due to Duplicate Participation

When clients apply for <u>Basic basic Food food</u> and they are ineligible for benefits during the month of application because they received benefits from another state:

- Deny the application for the initial month (and second month if necessary) if they have already received or will receive SNAP benefits from the other state for that month(s).
- If <u>Basic basic Food food</u> benefits can be approved for the ongoing months and the benefit start date is not more than sixty days from the initial application date, the client does not need to submit a new application.

EXAMPLE: The client has moved to Washington from Nevada and applies for benefits on 3/15. We interview the client on 4/2 and determine they are financially eligible at the time,

except that they received 3/2012 and 4/2012 benefits from the other state. We have verified that they will not receive benefits in 5/2012. Worker correctly denies Basic Food food for March and April for duplicate participation and approves benefits for May 2012 and ongoing. Initial application can still be used and considered up until May 14.

NOTE: SSI recipients in California (CA) are not eligible for SNAP food assistance benefits. Instead these individuals receive an extra cash benefit to help them buy food. This benefit is called the CA Cash Out Program.

The CA Cash Out benefit is not considered a duplicate benefit for SNAP (Basic Food) recipients so there is no requirement to provide proof that CA cash out has stopped before approving Basic Food for an SSI recipient moving to WA from CA.Basic Food benefits can be approved from the date of application as long as the individual is otherwise eligible.